

Public Law 97-166
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Joint Resolution

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[H.J. Res. 447]

To authorize and request the President to issue a proclamation designating April 4, 1982, as the "National Day of Reflection".

Whereas the Congress recognizes the historical tradition of ethical values and principles which are the basis of civilized society and upon which our great Nation was founded;

Whereas these ethical values and principles which, from the dawn of civilization when they were known as the Seven Noahide Laws, have been the bedrock of society without which the edifice of civilization stands in serious peril of returning to chaos;

Whereas society is presently profoundly concerned with the weakening of these principles that has resulted in crises that beleaguer and threaten the fabric of civilized society; and

Whereas the justified preoccupation with these crises must not let the citizens of this Nation lose sight of their responsibility of transmitting these historical ethical values from our distinguished past to the generations of the future, and need occasional reminder of this duty and privilege: Now, therefore, be it

National Day
of Reflection.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized to issue a proclamation designating April 4, 1982, which this year coincides with the eightieth birthday of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, universally respected and revered leader and head of the worldwide Lubavitch movement, who has done so much to foster and promote these ethical values and principles, as the "National Day of Reflection".

Approved April 3, 1982.

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